

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 3, 5 and 7 are allowable.

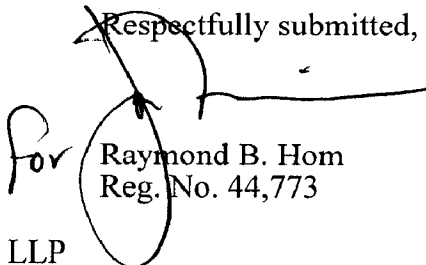
Some of the other claims are modified in the amendment. More specifically, claims 1, 8, 11, and 12 have been amended. Therefore, claims 1-12 are present for examination. These claims amendments are presented with a RCE and are believed by the Applicants to put the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue any un-amended, canceled or withdrawn claims in a continuing application without any prejudicial effect. No new matter is added by these amendments, which are fully supported by the specification. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 858-350-6100.

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